



## INDUSTRY VEHICLES DISREGARDING RULES OF THE ROAD

Fort St. John – According to recent reports from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in Northeast British Columbia, industry vehicles – specifically oil and gas and forestry trucks – are ignoring the flashing lights of school buses and emergency response vehicles, seriously endangering children and the public at large.

The Fort St. John RCMP detachment has received a disturbing number of reports of commercial vehicles failing to stop for school buses with lights flashing and failing to observe the rules of the road when emergency vehicles approach with sirens wailing and lights flashing.

“These (reported) drivers don’t stop, they don’t slow down and they don’t pull over to let an ambulance safely pass,” said Constable Dwayne Breitkreutz. “There is an absolute disregard for the flashing light and this has consequences for the general public.” We (the RCMP) need to make companies aware of their drivers’ behaviour because it has to stop.”

Similar examples of disregard for traffic law are reflected in the findings of police road checks conducted on the Sierra Yoyo Desan (SYD) resource road in northern BC. The results from the latest road checks, conducted January 9, 10 and 11, 2007 are as follows:

Speed < 20:	45 tickets, 4 warnings
Speed >20:	5 tickets
Speed Relative to Conditions:	4 tickets
No Seatbelts:	3 tickets
No Drivers License:	2 tickets
Disobey Traffic Control Device:	1 ticket
Fail To Produce Documents:	6 tickets
Vehicle Registration:	41 tickets
Defective Vehicles:	55 tickets, 30 warnings
Incorrect Permitting:	1 ticket
Dangerous Goods:	11 tickets
Logs and Pre-Trips:	31 tickets
Insecure Load:	27 tickets
No Insurance:	1 ticket
Drive Contrary to Restrictions:	2 tickets
Liquor:	1 ticket
Drug Seizures:	2
Drivers Placed Out of Service:	33
Vehicles Place Out of Service:	31
Impaired Operation (Criminal):	1
Police Commercial Inspection:	95

Slow down, obey the rules of the road and **CHOOSE TO DRIVE SAFE.**  
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